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GROUP 2157  
PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: DEVICE MANAGEMENT NETWORK SYSTEM, MANAGEMENT SERVER, AND  
COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 9, 2003, please consider the remarks as  
submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-13 have been examined, and have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

**I. Preliminary Matters**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for preparing the October 9, 2003 Office Action upon  
Applicant's request. In addition, as indicated by the Examiner, Applicant confirms that the  
October 9, 2003 Office Action replaces and restarts the response period of the September 12,  
2003 Office Action. Therefore, the current Response is considered timely.